



CITY OF STOCKTON

THE WEEK THAT WAS

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A Report from the City Manager

October 24, 2003

RECRUITING LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS

Three staff from the Library's Family Literacy Program attended a service fair at Presentation Catholic Church on Sunday, October 12, to talk with people about volunteer opportunities. Several people expressed interest in working with the Library's volunteer-based reading and literacy services. (LIB)

VISIT WITH SUPERVISOR SIEGLOCK

On Monday, October 13, Library Director Nicky Stanke met with Supervisor Sieglock to discuss the need to find new, larger housing for the Linden Branch Library. Nicky has talked with Linden Unified Schools Superintendent Ron Estes about the possibility of sharing a "portable" facility with the school. Supervisor Sieglock pledged to support the concept. (LIB)

PROGRAM MANAGER INTERVIEWS

On Thursday, Friday, and Monday (October 16, 17 and 20) the Library's Management Team interviewed ten candidates for a Program Manager position that will be vacated with the retirement of Diane Freggiaro early next year. The Program Manager is responsible for the budget, public relations, and special projects and is a member of the Management Team. (LIB)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY AT FAIR OAKS BRANCH LIBRARY

On Saturday Make a Difference Day volunteers worked to improve the landscaping at the Fair Oaks Branch Library, removing old, dying plants, and reworking the irrigation system. (LIB)

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT AT HUNTER STREET AND MINER AVENUE

Vanguard Construction (VC) has completed demolition of the existing sidewalk, curb, and gutters and has installed minor drainage improvements. On Wednesday October 22, they completed the new curb, gutter, and sidewalks along the Miner Avenue frontage as well as the short section in front of Jay Jay's Hotdog shop along Hunter Street. Collins Electrical has removed the old streetlights and conduits in the project area and has also set street light footings and conduit for the new King Ferronite streetlights. Vanguard is coordinating with the adjacent businesses to phase in the improvements on Hunter in order to maintain access. Work on Hunter Street and Miner Avenue is anticipated to be finished by October 31.

A public art component will be set in the new sidewalks and will consist of brass figures and colored glass accent pieces that symbolize many of Stockton's treasures and history or generally create a happy whimsical feel for passing patrons to nearby businesses. The artwork will be embedded flush with the concrete sidewalk by Vanguard Construction and will be overseen by the artist, Dan Snyder. Overall final completion for this first phase of the downtown sidewalk replacement is scheduled for mid November.

Some complaints from area businesses were recently received regarding excessive dust and restricted access to businesses. Staff is working with Vanguard as well as the contractors for the Stockton Hotel and Cineplex projects to minimize the dust problem, to provide better access, and to offset work hours to reduce the disruption to adjacent businesses. (PW)

EIGHT-MILE ROAD/I-5 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On October 16th Public Works Department advertised the interchange project for bids. This will be an eight-week advertising period with bid opening scheduled on December 11, 2003. Bid documents are available at the Public Works Department, 425 N. El Dorado Street, Room 317. For more information please call (209) 937-8411. (PW)

MARCH LANE SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT

Public Works staff opened bids on 10/16/03 for the March Lane Sidewalk Replacement project. This project will replace the tree damaged sidewalk along the northerly side of March Lane between Precissi and Pershing Avenues. Three bids were received with the apparent low bidder being Odyssey Landscaping of Stockton with a bid of \$311,074. The Engineer's Estimate for this project was \$371,585.

Public Works staff is currently reviewing Odyssey's bid in anticipation of forwarding a recommendation for contract award for Council consideration in early November. However in consideration of a request from the property manager representing the merchants in the College Square Shopping Center the actual start of construction is anticipated to be deferred until after the upcoming holidays.

In the mean time SBC is in the process of replacing one of their existing vaults that conflict with the proposed improvements. SBC has applied for a permit and have designed and ordered the vault. It is expected that they will begin work within the next 4-6 weeks. (PW)

NORTH STOCKTON POLICE STATION

Diede Construction is progressing with construction of the North Stockton Police Station. The interior insulation is finished and drywall installation is nearing completion. The existing floor slab was sanded and cleaned in preparation for floor moisture proofing. Diede is now gearing up to start on interior wall and floor finishes, finish carpentry, and painting. Concurrently they are performing final grading of the visitor parking lot as well as all concrete flatwork areas. The Police Department recently requested that an above ground fuel tank be installed in the back parking lot for fueling of police vehicles. Public Works staff is currently coordinating with the designer and permitting agencies for a contract change order to provide and install the fuel system.

The artist team composed of Donna Billick and Alan Osborn of the Sacramento Area invited the general public to "Be Part pf Stockton's Mosaic" public art gathering on Sunday, October 19th, at the Seifert Center Gym on Benjamin Holt Drive. During the gathering members of the public were provided an opportunity to construct their own tile mosaic pieces with the guidance and instruction of Donna Billick, who is nationally known for her ceramic art. The event was an all day affair. Tile mosaic pieces constructed by the general public will eventually be set into wrought iron frames mounted on gate and facade surfaces of the police station facility.

In order to prevent delays and minimize costs five field orders were recently issued for additional work involving grading changes to conform areas of the parking lot and dimension changes to the courtyard, providing materials and labor for lighting the flagpole, providing additional interior wall supports, and modifying drainage system to the above ground planters, installing a data and electrical conduit to the location of the future above ground fuel tank, removing conflicting trees, and to provide and install disconnects and fuses for the HVAC equipment. The sum of these change orders is anticipated to be approximately \$5000. These changes do not require additional time added to the contract.

A ceremony was held on 10/23/03 to dedicate the new facility. Final completion is anticipated by late November. (PW)

MUD HOSTS TERRORISM-WMD COURSE FOR WATER AND WASTE WATER OPERATORS

On October 21-22 the Municipal Utilities Department hosted a two-day course entitled "Acts of Terrorism/Weapons of Mass Destruction Preparedness and Response for Water and Wastewater Operations."

The event was presented by the National Emergency Response and Rescue Training Center (NERRTC) and was the first of its kind in California. Twenty people attended, including representatives from Tracy, Manteca, and Groveland, Cal Water-Stockton, OMI/ Thames Water Stockton, Inc., and the Stockton Police Department.

NERRTC is affiliated with Texas A&M and has been contracted by the Office of Homeland Security to provide this course at no charge to hosting agencies.

The course was comprised of 6 modules:

1. Terrorism/WMD Threats to Water and Waste Systems
2. Assessing Terrorism/WMD Risks for Water and Wastewater Systems
3. Reducing Terrorism/WMD Risks
4. Responding Terrorism/WMD Incidents
5. Recovering from Terrorism/WMD Incidents
6. Public Information

MUD is the first agency in California to provide this course. The course required utility representatives to develop innovative and specific solutions to the many technical problems that might occur during a terrorist emergency.

Ava Langston-Kenney, MUD's Regulatory Compliance Officer, coordinated the event. Through communications with the American Water Works Association (AWWA), California/Nevada Section, Langston-Kenney was able to have this course qualified for 16 Contact Hours. Contact Hours are required to renew water and wastewater operator's State and professional certifications. (MUD)

STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Stockton Fire Department handled 688 calls for service the week of October 16 to 23.

- 17 Vehicle fires
- 17 Grass fires
- 17 Structure fires
- 37 Fire alarms
- 60 Vehicle accidents
- 11 Hazmat incidents
- 63 Miscellaneous calls for service
- 466 Medical calls

October 16 there was a structure fire in a detached garage at **405 W. Eighth Street**. The fire originated on the east side of the structure. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time. No dollar loss listed for this incident.

October 16 there was a structure fire in a single-family residence at **2014 S. Sinclair Avenue**. The fire originated in the garage and extended to the residence. Damage is estimated at approximately \$100,000 to the structure and \$50,000 to the contents.

October 17 there was a gas leak at **Henshaw and Hennessey Drives**. The gas line had been broken by construction personnel using a trencher. Six homes were evacuated and the intersection was closed until PG&E arrived to repair the line.

October 17 there was a structure fire in a single-story, single-family residence at **1726 S. American Street**. The cause of the fire is undetermined at this time. Damage is estimated at approximately \$50,000 to the structure and \$10,000 to the contents.

October 21 there was a structure fire in a single-family residence at **1610 Kyburz Court**. The fire was caused by food left cooking unattended. Damage is estimated at approximately \$20,000 to the structure and \$10,000 to the contents.

October 21 there was a structure fire in a boarded-up, single-story residence located on church property at **1282 E. Bianchi Road**. The cause of the fire is undetermined. No dollar loss listed for this incident.

October 21 there was a structure fire in a residence at **5833 Morgan Place**. The fire originated in an exhaust fan. Damage is estimated at approximately \$1,000 to the structure.

October 22 there was a structure fire in the garage at **1712 S. Commerce Street**. The fire originated in the dryer. Damage is estimated at approximately \$5,000 to the structure and \$500 to the contents. (FD)

ARSON INVESTIGATIONS

Twenty-eight fire investigations were conducted in the last seven days:

- Five outdoor type fires: the cause was undetermined.
- Nine structure fires: one was arson, and eight were accidental.
- Fourteen vehicle fires: seven were undetermined and seven were accidental.

Dollar loss due to arson this year is \$1,498,950. (FD)

FIRE PREVENTION

- Approximately 400 business fire permit surveys were reviewed, processed, and then assigned to inspectors.
- Sixty-one applications for fire permits were received from different businesses throughout the City.

Inspections and Tests

The following inspections and tests were conducted:

- Five fire sprinklers inspections
- Six fire alarm inspections
- Nine business license inspections
- One sprinkler pipe weld inspection
- Two code enforcement inspections
- Re-inspections of the Washington Mutual and California Buildings
- Three State licensed facilities
- Six permit application inspections
- Three fire final inspections
- Three sprinkler hydro inspections
- One underground tank removal inspection

Plan Checks

- Fifteen building plan checks were completed
- One underground fuel system plan check was conducted for the Costco Project on West Lane and Hammer Lane

Hydrant Division

- One hydrant was repaired on Eight Mile Road
- Reviewed hydrant locations for subdivision Rancho Del Sol Unit #2 on Airport Way and Duck Creek
- Reviewed hydrant locations for private subdivision at Weber Grove on West Main and Tortuga Way
- Reviewed hydrant locations for Morada Ranch subdivision Unit #9 off Hammer Lane.
- Reviewed plans for Golden State Lumber improvement for hydrant relocation on Airport Way and Ralph Avenue.

Meetings

Fire Prevention inspectors attended meetings concerning:

- New Police Facility Fuel System
- Human Relations Committee
- Fuel System location for Golden State Lumber
- New building for Delta College chemistry storage
- Address for Port and Rough & Ready Island

(FD)

WEED ABATEMENT

Staff is following up on complaints of weeds that continue to pose a potential threat to the citizenry of Stockton. Property owners are being cited and inspections are being scheduled to ensure compliance. (FD)

TRAINING/EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES/ EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

In this fourth week of October the current Recruit Academy reaches the half-way point and look forward to live burns and increasing demands in the week to come. Officer's Training was also held this week in Raines Hall focusing on engine company operations with Battalion Chief Rodriguez conducting the class. In addition the training facility was used by the Police Department for rappel training and night movements. (FD)

DOWNTOWN SIGNAGE PROGRAM



The fabrication of the signs for Stockton's new wayfinding system is underway. The signs will be installed starting in early December in time for the Cineplex opening. The signs will direct citizens to parking, the Cineplex, Weber Point, and many other downtown features. The design of the posts and pedestals draws from Weber Point, the Hotel Stockton, and the Stewart Eberhardt Building for a very attractive effect.

In addition, Pictogram, the signage consultant, will be producing a map of downtown that will fold down to a pocket-size directory to assist Stocktonians in finding parking and other downtown amenities. (HRD)

ST. MARY'S INTERFAITH DINING ROOM ANNUAL REPORT

Housing staff received the 2002-2003 annual performance report for St. Mary's Interfaith Dining Room. As stipulated in the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Program requirements at the conclusion of the fiscal year each homeless provider must provide a report to the funding Participating Jurisdiction (PJ) which demonstrates the accomplishments of their program resulting from the utilization of ESG funds as measured by the number of homeless persons served. During the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 St. Mary's Interfaith Dining Room provided 329,773 units of assistance to the homeless and working poor.

In September 2002 Council approved a grant of \$47,562 in ESG funds for the operations of the homeless service provider as part of the 2002-2003 Action Plan. The ESG funds were used towards the essential operations of the shelter including maintenance of the facilities, telephone, utilities, supplies, and insurance.

Additional demographics about the clients assisted by St. Mary's Interfaith Dining Room this past year are included in the annual report. The average number served by St. Mary's daily was 895 adults and 78 children. The ethnic breakdown of the clients is as follows: 25% Caucasian, 23% African American, 49% Hispanic, 20% Asian, and 10% American Indian. St. Mary's provided the following services to its homeless clients: Meal Distribution, Health Care, Outreach, and Homeless Prevention. (HRD)

HAVEN OF PEACE

Haven of Peace Emergency Shelter has completed the City-funded improvements to its facility at 7070 Harlan Road, French Camp. Haven of Peace received an allocation of \$10,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as part of the 2002-2003 Action Plan approved by Council on April 30, 2002.

The City's CDBG funds were used for the installation of a new well and the closure of the existing well at the emergency shelter facility. The existing well had been in use since 1959. This improvement to the facility allows Haven of Peace to continue providing emergency shelter services to homeless families. The Haven of Peace Emergency Shelter has been providing emergency shelter to homeless women and families in crisis since 1957. The facility can accommodate 35 residents and serves an average of 600 clients per year. (HRD)

SYLVAN COURT DEMOLITION

The property owner of the vacant dwelling at 712 Sylvan Court has signed a consent form to allow the City to demolish the deteriorated structure. The roof, siding, and foundation are failing and have buckled due to years of deterioration. The structure has been vacant for over three years. The cost of the demolition will be charged to the property owner. Anticipated start date of the demolition is 10/27/03. (HRD)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES MONITORING

The following is an update for monitoring activities in the Valley Oak District, encompassing the Northeast part of Stockton:

Camanche Lane

Second floor deck repairs continue at an apartment complex and all appropriate inspections are being requested of the Building Division. This property will be monitored by Code Enforcement monthly until the permit receives final approval.

Jill Circle Mini Sweep

Continued monitoring of this area has resulted in 14 new citations being issued for lack of landscaping maintenance. Extensive interior repairs continue at one property and reinspections will be conducted the week of November 3.

Coventry Drive

This area is maintaining compliance; a monitoring check resulted in no new violations cited. Property Owners are doing a great job of keeping their properties clean of the junk, garbage, and debris.

Cotton Court

This area is also maintaining compliance; a monitoring check resulted in no new violations cited. Property Owners are doing a great job of keeping their properties clean of the junk, garbage, and debris.

Gateway Court

77 Gateway Court has been sold. The new buyer is in the process of obtaining required Building Permits to rehab all 4 four units as well as the exterior of the complex. Code Enforcement has cited the large Apartment complex at the end of Gateway Court and issued Citations for Public Nuisance violations visible from Public Right-A-Way.

Cal Villa/ Town Home Drive

Ongoing reinspections are being conducted and owners were cited for junk, garbage, & debris in the carport areas. Cal Villa Townhome Association has received citations for the brown lawns in the common areas, junk, garbage, and debris in the common areas. The Home Owners Association is working with the contractor on installing a wrought iron fence between buildings to stop gang activity. The chain link fence will stay in place until the subcontractor is ready to install the new steel fence.

Carrington Circle

On going monitoring of Carrington circle. Two new cases with Violation Warning Notices have been issued for yard maintenance.

Greensboro Way

Neighborhood Services is monitoring Greensboro Way for Public Nuisance issues. Three properties have Public Nuisance violations and interior Substandard Housing violations. The property owner of one property is in the process of securing a loan to repair the interior Substandard Housing issues on his property.

Acapulco Way/ Santa Paula

Four properties remain on the active case list. Property owners are working to obtain compliance on Public nuisance and Substandard Housing violations. Reinspections continue every 10 days. New Citations have been issued to property owners for Public Nuisance violations visible from the Public Right-of-Way.

Santa Ines Ct.

In response to a citizen complaint of public nuisance violations a proactive inspection resulted in 10 Violation Warning Notices issued. Several properties lacked adequate yard maintenance and several others were cited to discontinue parking vehicles on unimproved surfaces. (HRD)

COSMOS HOTEL

The Hotel/Motel Advisory Committee voted to revoke the Conditional Permit to Operate for the Cosmos Hotel due to non compliance. The Cosmos Hotel was issued a conditional Permit to Operate on 7/15/03 and given until 9/30/03 to bring several violations into compliance and to allow inspections of the facility. The hotel is currently vacant while repair work is being completed. As a result revoking the Conditional Permit to Operate will not involve any relocations. The Hotel is able to reapply for a Permit to Operate once violations have been corrected. (HRD)

SIERRA VISTA CENTER ACTIVITIES

Sierra Vista has had over two dozen participants in its Homework Club during the past week. Ten students participated in Computer Lab. Six students participated in the Bonkers for Books program and 10 others made arts and crafts. Twelve students received food bags in the Food for Thought Program. Eleven young people read the paper in Newspaper In Education. (P & R)

PUBLIC ART - NORTH STOCKTON POLICE FACILITY

The Public Art program staff, with artists Donna Billick and Alan Osborne, conducted a mosaic workshop at the Seifert Community Center on Sunday, October 19, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The workshop was for the community to create 10" x 36" mosaics to be welded into the wrought iron fence and inset into the brick planters at the North Stockton Police Facility. The workshop was free and open to the public. The artists supplied all the necessary materials plus refreshments.

There were about 25 families that participated, some staying the entire day to complete more than one mosaic. The 56 mosaics completed at the workshop were securely taped down for transportation to the studio in Davis where they will be glued down and grouted in preparation for installation at the Police Facility. The Record covered the event with an article in the Local Section on Monday, October 20th. We will work with either River Oaks Charter School or Morada Middle School to have the remaining 43 completed. The original 2% public art budget was \$24,000. The Public Art Advisory Committee has added \$26,000 in pooled funds for a total budget of \$50,000. (P & R)

PUBLIC ART - TEEN CENTER

On Friday, October 10, the jury selection panel for the Teen Center Public Art Project met to receive the three finalist's proposals. The finalists were Lauren Elder (Oakland), Tony Natsoulas (Sacramento), and Robert Ellison (Penngrove). The selection panel chose Robert Ellison as the artist for this project. Ellison will be required to work with the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) in order to complete the final design that will be on the exterior of the Teen Center serving as an identification or signage feature. The artist will meet with the YAC at their next meeting on November 13th to begin the process.

The jury selection panel's recommendation will go to the Public Art Advisory Committee for approval after the artist and the YAC have a finalized design. The original 2% public art budget was \$30,000. The Public Art Advisory Committee has added \$20,000 in pooled funds for a total budget of \$50,000.

The selection panel was made up of: Lisa Cooperman, Artist; Gina Delucchi, Past Youth Advisory Commission Advisor; Stephanie DiSerio, Youth Advisory Commission Member; Katie Goodwin, Youth Advisory Commission Member; Raoul Mora, Public Art Advisory Committee Member; Qiana Moore, Youth Advisory Commission Member; Pennie Ruffin, Youth Advisory Commission Advisor; and Eric Whole, Architect. The panel was facilitated by Rebekah Burr-Siegel, Public Art Manager. (P & R)

INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES

A variety of dance and fitness classes for all ages continue this week at various sites. Stockton Gymnastics is having their annual Cartwheel-a-thon on Friday at the San Joaquin Fairgrounds. The Gymnast who performs the most cartwheels will win the trophy and grand prize. Prizes will be awarded in all class levels. This annual event raises funds to purchase new equipment, as well as to keep class registration fees affordable.

Several Jewelry workshops are scheduled to be held Saturday at the Seifert Center. Instructor Rachel Nelson has planned a Jewelry-making for Kids class, a Bead-stringing class, and an Earring Wardrobe class. All class participants will go home with many creations and new skills to continue making items for themselves or for gifts. (P & R)

POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS/INCIDENTS

During the period October 17-23 the Stockton Police Department handled 6,652 calls for service, incidents, and/or reports. (POL)

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT)

Preliminary inspections were conducted across from the Children's Home at 1200 E. Lindsay and 340 N. Pilgrim as a result of complaints forwarded to the CHAT. As a result a Notice to Repair was prepared for approximately 80 violations at 1200 E. Lindsay; a Notice and Order to Vacate by October 26, was issued to 340 North Pilgrim, following a discovery of 8-10 adults living in the basement, in addition to 8 adults and children living in the house which was infested with vermin and roaches and very filthy. Follow-up inspections were conducted in Reporting Districts 116, 117, and 166. Two suspects were arrested for

illegal drug possession and outstanding warrants. In RD 117, 5 vehicles were cited as inoperable, abandoned, or wrecked, and one inoperable vehicle was towed. Management of Phoenix House alerted Police of an increase in drug activity involving their tenants. On October 22 the CHAT, along with Narcotics and Bike Officers, and the PACT conducted 20 searches of suspected offenders and those on probation, parole, or registered sex offenders. This resulted in the arrest of four tenants for drug paraphernalia and warrants. The arrests enabled Police and management of the Phoenix House to evict the problem tenants. (POL)

GANG STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM (GSET)

During October 14-20 the GSET conducted 38 field interviews; issued 5 citations; made 3 felony and 3 misdemeanor warrant arrests; made 19 traffic stops; and towed 1 car. Year to date 2003 the GSET has confiscated 73 guns and 392 guns since its inception. (POL)

TRUANCY REPORT

During the period October 13-17 60 students were processed for truancy, of which 11 were repeat offenders. This was a 12% increase in overall truancy compared to the same time period last year. (POL)

HOMICIDES

On October 18 Officers responded to a call that a woman had been shot and upon arrival saw a male with blood on his shirt at the front door of the call location, in the 1400 block of East Anderson. The man refused to come outside and had to be subdued with a taser. Inside they discovered a deceased female with a gunshot wound to the head. A team of Detectives investigating the case arrested a suspect the following day. Officers responded to a report of a possible man down at approximately 4:00 a.m. on October 18, finding a deceased male with a gunshot wound to the head, behind the wheel of a vehicle in the middle of the intersection of Stanislaus and Third. Homicide Detectives are investigating the case. (POL)

DRUG LAB

A drug lab was located at West Coast Muffler on East Fremont Street, and two suspects were arrested. (POL)

EOD CALL-OUT

On October 20, at approximately 10:25 a.m., the Police Department's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team responded to Washington Mutual Bank on East Main Street, when an employee received a strange package from a former disgruntled employee. The package was rendered safe using a water cannon and the investigation is ongoing. (POL)

ATTENDANCE OF CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

Attached for your information are the attendance reports for the third quarter of 2003 for the various Commissions, Boards, and Committees as follows:

Building and Housing Board of Appeals
Civil Service Commission
Community Development Committee
Cultural Heritage Board
Equal Employment Commission
Handicapped Access Board of Appeals
Planning Commission
Public Art Advisory Committee
Redevelopment Commission
Stockton Arts Commission
Stockton Parks and Recreation Commission (CM)

SMITH CANAL PROJECT

The Smith Canal Task Force has initiated Phase II and Phase III of the Smith Canal Project.

On September 22nd Code Enforcement Officer Fred Satariano and Marine Construction Engineering completed a side scan sonar of the Canal. This technology allowed staff to view debris and debris fields under the water in preparation for upcoming cleanup and code enforcement activities.

On October 14 City staff (MUD, Neighborhood Services, Police, City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, and Community Development) met with other agencies (Army Corp of Engineers, Fish and Game,

Reclamation Districts RD 828 and RD 1614, County Environmental Health, County Code Enforcement and Sheriff Department Boating Patrol) for an inter-jurisdictional meeting to discuss enforcement strategies for the Canal.

To assess conditions and complete code enforcement activities from the water (boats, docks and backyard structures, garbage, junk, and debris) Neighborhood Services acquired, at the direction of City Manager's Office, a pontoon boat for Code Enforcement staff and equipment. This boat will be useful for all waterway cleanup and code enforcement activities, not just Smith Canal.

A notification letter will go out to residents and property owners adjacent to Smith Canal explaining what Code Enforcement will be looking for during the sweep. ACE Team will initiate correspondence and enforcement/ abatement activities on the Canal starting the week of October 27th.

Fire Hazmat and Dive Teams will assist with cleanup activities while conducting training exercises on the Canal during selected underwater abatements in November. (CM)

UPDATE ON RFP FOR CO-DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

For the past 10 months the City has been studying co-development and sponsorships as an alternative way to assist in the development of necessary capital projects. A study session was held in June. In July City Council approved findings and issued an RFP to firms that facilitate public/private partnerships through the co-development of public spaces. On July 25 the City received two proposals from Business Acceleration Partners, Inc. and Marketing Alliance Group.

An evaluation panel was comprised of representatives from City Council, City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office, Parks and Recreation, and Library Services. The City pursued references for each firm. All principals of both firms received glowing references.

Staff will negotiate a fee structure with both consultants and return to City Council for approval of fee structure, contracts, and discussion of potential priority projects. (CM)

CITY MANAGER'S MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

I held my respective weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly meetings with: Mayor Podesto, Vice Mayor Nomura, Councilmember Bestolarides, Chief Chavez, Jim Glaser, and Steve Pinkerton.

I attended the IT Committee Meeting. I met with Greg Jacobs, Coordinator for Early Childhood Education for the County Office of Education to discuss the County's child care needs. I met with Jim Rinehart and received an update on the proposed Event Center Project. Mayor Podesto and I met with Kevin Sharrar, Executive Director of BIA, Steve Moore, Bill Filios, Ron Addington, Mike Locke, Randy Ruby, and Doug Wilhoit to discuss the RTIF. Jayne Williams, Jim Giottonini, Mike Rishwain, and I met with Mark Stump of Wulfsberg to discuss PG&E Trench Cut Fees. Mayor Podesto, Councilmember Giovanetti, Jim Giottonini, Barry O'Regan, Mark Parrott, and I held our Monthly COG Briefing.

Chief Chavez, Chief Gillis, Jim Glaser, Tom Truszkowski, and I held a luncheon meeting with Matt Arnaiz, Kevin Huber, Jerry Sperry, Robert Freed, and Steve Meyers to discuss the Public Safety Special Tax. I held a conference call with John Brown of Best, Best and Krieger to discuss various downtown projects. I held a luncheon meeting with Mike Locke of the San Joaquin Partnership. Jim Glaser and I received an update on GPAT from Larry Mintier prior to the GPAT meeting. I attended the Community Partnership for Families Annual Retreat.

I attended the San Joaquin Partnership Board Meeting. Jim Rinehart, Lorre Islas, and I met with Mike Courtney, Michael Reinsdorf, Mark Appel, George Heinlein, John Eiler, and Bob Herrferdt to discuss Program and Arena Bowl Configurations. I attended the CDAT Financing Subcommittee Meeting. Jim Rinehart, Lorre Islas, and I met with Jack Nagle, Michael Reinsdorf, and Mark Appel to discuss the IFG Operating Agreement. I attended the North Police Station Grand Opening Ceremony. I attended the CHAT Meeting. I attended the Retirement Reception for Chief of Police Edward Chavez.

Mark Plovnick, Phyllis Isley, and I met to discuss various issues. Steve Pinkerton, Jim Glaser, Jim Rinehart, and I met with David Johnson, General Manager of the Record to discuss the Record's press project. Jim Rinehart and I met with Frank Dai Zovi to discuss various projects. Mayor Podesto, Gary Ingraham, Roger Storey, Christine Tien, Jim Giottonini, Mark Madison, Terry Parker, Doug Calkins, Wyatt Troxel, Larry D'Addio, and I held a conference call with Jayne Williams to discuss MUD/OMI negotiations. I met with Jim Rinehart to discuss the BIA. I attended the Dedication of the Robert J. Cabral Station. (CM)

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND!

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